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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
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MEETING of this Company will be held  
at the Office of the Hon. Sir PAUL  
CHATER, Kt., C.M.G., Victoria Build-  
ings, 5, Queen's Road Central, on  
WEDNESDAY, 27th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors, together with a Statement  
of Accounts to 30th April, 1908.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be  
CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, 27th inst., both  
days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1908.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of  
this Company (since its Registration) will  
be held at the Office of the Company in  
Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the  
30th inst., at Noon, for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the General Man-  
agers together with a Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending 31st December, 1907.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, the 25th inst.,  
to MONDAY, the 1st June, both days  
inclusive, during which period no Transfer  
of Shares can be registered.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1908.

WATKINS, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the Company's Office, (Watkins  
Buildings, No. 31, Queen's Road Central)  
on SATURDAY, the 30th May, 1908, at  
2 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Managers with a  
Statement of Accounts to 31st December,  
1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from 23rd May  
to the 30th May, both days inclusive.  
G. A. WATKINS,  
CHAS. A. FOOTE,  
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Hongkong, May 16, 1908.

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U.S.A.  
Hongkong, September 24, 1907.

**JAPAN'S CREDIT.**  
Why It Has Suffered.

A representative of the "Hochi Shimbun"  
has interviewed Mr. E. C. Davis, head of the  
Japan branch of Messrs Samuel, Samuel  
and Company. The main question pro-  
pounded by the Hochi, as we learn from a  
summary in the "Japan Mail," related to  
the fact that whereas the money market is  
easy in London and various foreign loans  
have been readily taken up, capitalists  
show the cold shoulder to applications  
from Japan. Mr. Davis is quoted as saying  
that although doubtless many factors con-  
tribute to this result, there are in his opinion  
two principal ones. The first is want of  
consideration on the part of the Gov-  
ernment. Thus, when the first half of  
the South Manchuria Railway Loan was  
floating, orders for all the railway material  
were placed in America, so that England  
was asked to put her hand into her pocket  
for the purpose of enriching American  
manufacturers. The second cause is the  
Government's policy towards private finan-  
cial enterprise. Last year Messrs. Samuel  
Samuel & Co. were in a position to ne-  
gotiate loans for the Municipalities of  
Osaka and Nagoya, for the Tokyo Electric  
Light Company and for other con-  
cerns on terms sufficiently favourable to  
the borrowers, but the Government  
withheld its consent, and its action cre-  
ated the impression that no transactions  
of this kind would be permitted unless they  
passed through the hands of the Industrial  
Bank. Thus a belief had been engendered  
that official channels are alone practicable,  
and that officially favoured merchants are  
the only successful media. It was un-  
reasonable to expect that British capitalists  
would be attracted by such conditions.  
The "Hochi's" representative observed  
that these were probably not the only  
causes, and that something should be  
ascribed also to the country's loss of  
credit. Mr. Davis fully endorsed that  
idea. He said that Japan's credit  
did not stand nearly so high now  
as it had done after the war. This was not  
a mere reaction, but was founded, he  
believed, upon a more solid basis. It was  
then pointed out to him that in its last  
budget the Government had mapped out a  
hard and fast programme extending over  
six years, during which time there would  
be no increase of taxation nor any further  
issue of domestic loans. Mr. Davis asked  
whether the consummation of this  
programme did not depend in part  
upon a reduction of armaments' expan-  
sion. The "Hochi's" representative an-  
swered both these questions in the  
negative, and explained that, on the one  
hand, the Government relied on the  
proceeds of the consumption taxes, and  
on the other, it had been arranged to  
extend the period of armaments' expan-  
sion so as to lessen the appropriations  
in each year. Mr. Davis then turned  
to the attitude of the Japanese Gov-  
ernment with regard to the Totsu Maru  
affair as having been peremptory and  
provocative, whereas China had main-  
tained a calm and pacific demeanour.  
There were many questions pending  
between the two Far Eastern Empires,  
and in view of Japan's methods it was  
impossible to be sure that war might  
not break out at any moment. Con-  
fronted by such a possibility, foreign  
capitalists were naturally unwilling to  
lend money to Japan. Mr. Davis is  
also quoted as having briefly stated  
that the basis of note convertibility in  
Japan was not secure, but he does not  
appear to have given any definite reason  
for this assertion. He also referred to  
the terms offered by the Treasury for the  
re-writing of War Loan bonds. Such  
terms could not fail to create the impres-  
sion that the Japanese Government is  
severely pressed for funds. The "Hochi's"  
representative, commenting on these re-  
marks, said that the Government's  
attitude towards China being apart from  
the financial question he would leave it  
untouched, but as to the question of spe-  
cial payments it was to be observed that  
the Bank of Japan's hard-money reserves  
were equal to at least 60 per cent. of  
its note issues. Moreover, the Treasury  
possessed in addition to the above from  
240 to 250 million yen worth of specie, and  
in these circumstances the convertibility  
of the country's note issues could not be  
impaired. As to the rate offered by the  
Government for re-writing the first War  
Loan, the Treasury had been guided by  
the prices actually ruling in the market and  
had necessarily offered slightly better  
terms. Mr. Davis admitted the partial  
justice of that explanation, but he pointed  
out that the present market quotations in  
Japan are quite abnormal and cannot be  
expected to continue long. The Treasury,  
however, by taking these quotations as a  
basis of calculation, had in effect fixed them  
for a term of six years, and that could not  
be considered sound finance. This had  
the effect of causing a general depression  
of securities, and foreign investors in  
Japanese bonds had suffered correspond-  
ingly. Mr. Davis did not pretend to  
indicate what course the Government  
ought to have followed, but he found it  
quite impossible to approve of the method  
adopted. Mr. Davis is said to have bitterly  
resented the action of the Formosa Gov-  
ernment in taking the complete business  
of Formosa out of the hands of Messrs  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
TENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY  
MEETING of this Company will be held  
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CHATER, Kt., C.M.G., Victoria Build-  
ings, 5, Queen's Road Central, on  
WEDNESDAY, 27th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors, together with a Statement  
of Accounts to 30th April, 1908.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be  
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days inclusive.

R. J. MACGOWAN,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1908.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of  
this Company (since its Registration) will  
be held at the Office of the Company in  
Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the  
30th inst., at Noon, for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the General Man-  
agers together with a Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending 31st December, 1907.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES will be  
CLOSED ON MONDAY, the 25th inst.,  
to MONDAY, the 1st June, both days  
inclusive, during which period no Transfer  
of Shares can be registered.  
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1908.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the Company's Office, (Watkins  
Buildings, No. 31, Queen's Road Central)  
on SATURDAY, the 30th May, 1908, at  
2 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Managers with a  
Statement of Accounts to 31st December,  
1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from 23rd May  
to the 30th May, both days inclusive.  
G. A. WATKINS,  
CHAS. A. FOOTE,  
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FRIDAY, May 29—

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SATURDAY, May 30—

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Noon—Meeting of A. S. Watson &amp; Co.,

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TUESDAY, June 2—

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1908.

OPIUM FACTS AND FALLACIES.

PROBABLY the renewed interest in the

opium question occasioned by the

recent action of the Liberal Govern-

ment will direct attention to the

literature, pro and con which has made

its appearance in the past. Among the

more important books on this subject

is Mr. Arthur Davenport's "China

from Within—a study of Opium

Fallacies and Missionary Mistakes."

We are not in accord, as readers

know, with those who have no good

words for missionary effort in China,

consequently we must not be under-

stood to approve Mr. Davenport's

arguments and deductions in this con-

nection. But in regard to the opium

question Mr. Davenport brings forward

arguments which are of the utmost

value at the present moment when this

Colony is fighting against the fanatical

proposal to summarily suppress the

local opium trade. In passing we may

observe that we are of opinion that re-

turn to sanity will be manifested in due

course by the Home Government and

that this, and other Far Eastern

Colonies will be permitted to gradually

reduce the trade in opium until it is

finally extinguished. A rational pro-

cedure of this kind has always been

supported by us provided that China's

sincerity in co-operating is placed be-

yond doubt. That is the crux of the

question. But while it may be taken

as fairly assured that the Home Gov-

ernment will recover from its mis-

session madness—the recovery is likely

to be more rapid if one or two adverse

by-elections show that the virtuous

posturing has been in vain—it

is necessary that those who

decline to allow their intelligence

to be diverted by assumptions and

assertions should justify their attitude.

This is necessary because with many

Anti-Opiumists it is the custom to brand

all those who keep as even a mind on

this question as they would on, say, the

question of Tariff Reform, as callous

and mercenary. The first fallacy that

Mr. Davenport exposes is that Great

Britain forced opium upon China. As

a matter of proven fact, he says, the

poppy was introduced into China as

early as 800 A.D. In the 11th century,

according to Chinese records, "the

poppy was grown everywhere." Opium

was manufactured in China in the 13th

century and was imported into China

by Arabs two centuries before British

intercourse with China began. Mr.

Davenport then shows the absurdity

of the statement that our first war with

China was waged for the sake of opium,

but as this is now only believed by those

who are too prejudiced to admit his-

torical facts we need not waste time in

its discussion. When two such eminent

missionaries as Dr. W. A. P. Martin and

Dr. Arthur Smith brush aside the sug-

gestion that opium caused the war of

1840-42 it is obviously unnecessary to

pursue the subject further. In regard

to the attitude of the United States of

America and of Japan in condemning

the trade Mr. Davenport points out that

these countries do not produce opium.

As much evidence of the evils of drink

as of opium—if not more and more

convincing—could be brought forward, but

neither America nor Japan officially

condemn the liquor trade. Why? The

answer is clear. Because they derive a

great portion of their revenue from this

trade. National morality, we very much

fear, depends very much upon financial

requirements. In the case of Japan we

read that that country is encouraging

the use of opium in South Manchuria

for revenue purposes. We have not the

space to spare to follow Mr. Davenport

all the way along the road of refutation.

But we cordially recommend the book

to those who wish to gain a clear im-

pression of the value of the arguments

of the Anti-Opiumists and the justifica-

tion which exists for taking a moderate

and cautious view of their assertions

and assumptions.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Everard William Wyde, C.M.G.,

was recently sent to goal for three months

at Home for an offence against the Bank-

ruptcy Act.

The Chinese Government has pro-

hibited utilising funds belonging to the

Government for the construction of

public roads.

The following is from the advertising

columns of the London "Morning Post."

We have reason to believe the gentleman

has never lived in Hongkong.

GENTLEMAN in good social position

finds that wherever he goes friends

ply him with whiskies and sodas, which he

does not like, and which disagree with him;

they resent it if he refuses, them. He

would like introduction to society in which

whisky and soda does not form so im-

portant an element.

The Nawab of Borna returned to

Borna, India, on April 22, after his usual

shooting excursion. This year the party



**BRITISH AMBASSADOR  
AT CONSTANTINOPLE.****SIR G. LOWTHER APPOINTED.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, May 20.—Sir Gerald Lowther, formerly H.B.M. Minister at Tangier, has been appointed to the Ambassadorship at Constantinople rendered vacant by the death of Sir Nicholas O'Connor.

**AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.****A BRYANITE SUCCESS.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, May 20.—The Democratic Convention of California and Alabama has adopted Mr. W. J. Bryan as candidate for the American Presidency.

**THE YUNNAN RIOT.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, May 20.—No serious developments are reported from Yunnan regarding the riot. Liu Chun-fu has left via the Peking-Hankow railway for Yunnan, accompanied by other military officers.

**HONGKONG DOCTOR  
HONOURED.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, May 20.—As the result of an examination held in the capital, Dr. J. W. Hawk, of the Tung Wah Hospital, Hongkong, has been made a "mandarin" in the capital of the 7th rank.

**THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.**

(REUTERS' SERVICE.)

LONDON, May 19.—The Irish Nationalists have decided to oppose the second reading of the Education Bill.

**REVIEW OF TROOPS AT  
ALDERSHOT.**

(REUTERS' SERVICE.)

LONDON, May 19.—The King and Queen reviewed 30,000 at Aldershot. A feature of the review was the success of traction engines replacing artillery horses.

**THE BRITISH ARMY.**

**Territorial Scheme a Gamble.**  
LONDON, May 19.—Lord Roberts, Lord Middleton and Lord Grenfell have renewed the attack on the Territorial Army scheme, pointing out that it is a gamble to expect a respite of six months for training before the force is wanted in the field.

Col. Lucas says that the Army Council never underrated the difficulties of the scheme, but there was evidence with the Minister for War that the training would be made thoroughly efficient.

Lord Tweedmouth says that it appeared that a fair trial of the Territorial Army would not be denied. The scheme was largely a gamble, but he would lay odds on its success.

**THE QUEBEC TER-  
CENTENARY.**

(REUTERS' SERVICE.)

LONDON, May 19.—France has decided on an official participation in the Quebec ter-

**THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.**  
LONDON, May 19.—Mr. Ashley asked in the House of Commons concerning the progress of the Anglo-Russian negotiations re Macedonia. Sir Edward Grey, in reply, said that various points were still under discussion and that he was unable to add any further information.

**LINGERING COUGHS.**  
PERSISTENT coughs that continue through the spring and summer usually indicate some throat or lung trouble, and it is a serious mistake to neglect them. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cure of coughs of this nature and a few doses taken in time may save a doctor's bill and perhaps years of suffering. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

**KING EDWARD.****TO VISIT THE CZAR.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, May 20.—

It is stated that King Edward will shortly pay a visit to the Czar of Russia.

His Majesty will remain in Russia for a week. The date upon which the visit will take place has yet been announced.

**CHINA AND THE  
POWERS.****A NAVAL RESTRICTION.**

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, May 20.—

Foreign Ministers in Peking have agreed that in future no foreign battleships shall be allowed to visit waters in the interior of China.

**THE CANTON MINT PROFIT.**

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 20.—

In compliance with the instructions of the Board of Revenue—the latter's desire to know the actual profits made by the mints throughout the Empire—His Excellency Viceroy Chang has wired to say that the total profit made by the Canton Mint for the past six years, ending the 31st year of Kwangshu is Taels 3,038,250.

**A. S. WATSON AND CO., LTD.**

The following is the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December for presentation to the shareholders at the twenty-third annual ordinary general meeting of the Company (since its registration) to be held at the Offices of the Company in Alexandra Buildings on Saturday, May 30 at noon:

Gentlemen—We beg to lay before you a Statement of the Company's business, with a Balance Sheet for the year ending the 31st December, 1907.

The net profits of the Company for the twelve months under review, after paying all charges, including the salary of the General Managers, providing for all bad and doubtful debts, and allowing for loss on subsidiary coins, amount to \$81,532.12, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from the previous year \$3,482.67—Total \$85,014.79. From this there has to be deducted—General Managers' Commission of 5 per cent. on the net profits for the year as per Article 80 of the Company's Articles of Association \$4,076.80, Remuneration of the Consulting Committee as per Article 92 \$2,500.00—Total \$6,576.60. Leaving available for appropriation \$78,438.19.

We paid an Interim Dividend of 3 per cent. in November last amounting \$27,000. We now propose to pay a further Dividend of 3 per cent. (making 6 per cent. for the year) which will absorb \$27,000. To write off Building Improvements, Furniture, Fixtures, (Furniture of Trade, Aerial Water Plant, and Machinery, \$20,000, to carry forward to 1908 Account, \$6,438.19. Total \$30,438.19.

**CONSULTING COMMITTEE:**—The existing Consulting Committee consist of Hon. Sir C. P. Cluett, G.C.M.G.—Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, and Messrs H. P. White and J. Scott-Harston.

**ACCOUNTS:**—The Company's Accounts at the Head Office have been audited by Mr. Francis Macdonald and Mr. H. H. Hutton, both of whom offer themselves for re-election.

**JONAS D. HUMPHREYS & SONS, General Managers.**  
Hongkong, 19th May, 1908.

**ANTI-FOREIGN RIOT IN JAPAN.****Foreigners Flee For Safety.**

Further details says the "Japan Chronicle," as to the disturbance at the saw-mills at Inomura, Miyazaki prefecture. The saw-mill in question belongs to the Ono Sanji Kaisha (Oriental Timber Company), in which Mr. R. Loosen is interested with other French capitalists.

A telegram from the Governor of Miyazaki to the Home Department on the disturbance is to the effect that the eight foreigners and their three children who are engaged at the saw-mills are unhurt. Nevertheless two of the four houses occupied by the foreigners were raided by the rioters, who made an entrance, smashed the furniture, and partially destroyed the houses. All the foreigners, says the official report, sought shelter in the hills. Some of them are reported to have left for Kobe. Order was restored at 5 p.m. on the 5th, and there is now no fear of a renewal of the disturbance. The Chief of Police of the prefecture and six constables remain at the scene of the disturbance for the protection of the foreigners. Besides the two foreign houses, one Japanese house, the managers' office, the electric generating house, and the engine-room were badly damaged. The total damage is estimated at about ¥100,000. The company will have to suspend business for the time being, and the despatch adds, "All the rioters are repentant of their action."

From a Kwangshu message to the "Mainichi," the number of rioters seemed to have been about 100. They were workmen belonging to the mill who went on strike, consumed a large quantity of sake, and then started the riot. Police officers were soon on the scene and made over forty arrests. The cause of the disturbance is said to be the refusal of a demand for an increase of wages, and the discontent felt by the workers towards the managing staff.

The report that about 80 men were killed or injured seems to be unfounded.

**FORGED BANKNOTES.****A Warning to the Public.**

Two forged bank-notes—one for \$10 and the other for \$5, and both purporting to have been issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—were passed on a local hotel yesterday, and local residents and visitors are warned to look closely at any notes which come into their possession. The two notes in question were dated March 1, 1898, and were very close imitations of genuine notes, the signature of the Bank Manager being very like the original. The numbers on the notes were larger than those on the genuine notes and badly spaced, while the paper was of different texture. The forged \$5 bill was of a very light hue, but most of the engraving, if not all, was almost exact and would easily baffle the average man. The forged \$10 note was old and torn and had a somewhat greasy appearance, the coloring on the back being rather darker than on the genuine notes. Still the resemblance is quite good enough to deceive most people.

The hotel proprietor who was victimized was fortunate enough to trace the gentleman who passed the \$10, for in showing the forgery to some of the residents of the hotel, a visitor remarked that he had paid in that very note. He, of course, took it back and is now looking for the one from whom he received it. Whether he will find that person or not is extremely doubtful.

**A CANTON POLICE NOTICE.****The Sick Must be Cared For.**

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 20.—

In a big city like Canton where no adequate hospitals are available the sick and wounded must frequently be met with in public thoroughfares. But during plague seasons the sight is more dreadful. Although the Fong Din Sha, which is a hospital solely established to meet emergencies and which has been doing good work for years past, caring for helpless persons and sending them to various boats and steamers arriving at Canton to look after the plague-stricken, has helped to minimize the miseries of the unfortunate class to a great extent, yet there is left a great deal undone, not through any lack of attention on the part of the hospital itself, but because of the large area of the city which it is impossible to adequately cover by one single hospital of the kind. As a consequence the sickly often seek relief in the streets without medical assistance being extended to them.

The Canton police has hitherto considered that its duty was only to patrol the streets and safeguard public properties and no action has been taken of the sick and dying.

Evidently matters have become serious and the police department has issued instructions that in future the police must endeavour to render first aid to the helpless when seen in public thoroughfares and see that they are conveyed to proper hospitals.

**THE "STAR" FERRY CO. LTD.**

Following is the report for presentation to shareholders at the tenth ordinary annual meeting to be held at Sir Paul Cluett's Office, Victoria Buildings, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 27th May. The Directors have the pleasure to submit to shareholders their report, with a statement of accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1908.

**ACCOUNTS:**—The net earnings of the boats, after paying all working expenses and providing for a loss of \$9,037.04 on subsidiary coins amounted to \$35,444.38 as against \$48,022.80 the previous year. The amount at credit of Profit and Loss account, after paying for repairs and placing \$7,785.09 to credit of Insurance Fund is \$48,388.52 which, with the approval of shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

**Directors and Auditor's fees \$1,100.00;** Dividend of 10 % \$15,000.00; Write off boats \$8,700.00; Carry forward to new account \$93.52. Total, \$24,898.52.

**BUSINESS:**—Passenger traffic in all classes showed a decline compared with the previous year, but a marked improvement has taken place since the rebuilding of the wharves.

**DECEASES:**—In accordance with the Articles of Association the Hon. Sir C. P. Cluett, G.C.M.G., retired, but offers himself for re-election.

The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson resigned on leaving the Colony and the Hon. Mr. H. Roskell was invited in his stead. Mr. A. G. Wood also resigned, his place being taken by Mr. A. Haupt, who on leaving the Colony was succeeded by Mr. G. Friesland. These appointments require confirmation.

**AUDITOR:**—Mr. W. H. Potts has audited the accounts now presented and offers himself for re-election.

C. P. CHATEL, Chairman.  
Hongkong, 18th May, 1908.

**THE GERMAN EMPIRE.****Unification Proposed.**

Herr Martin, one of the members of the Prussian State Council, has published a remarkable book on Germany's future. In this volume he contends that the maintenance of 22 monarchs within the Empire, with civil lists and separate Governments through an enormous financial burden on the Empire. If the separate States were swept away, a saving of \$50,000,000 a year would be possible.

**NO "SAROV IN."**—What's the use of taking vile-looking cod liver oil and emulsions when you can get Stearns' Wine of Old Liver Oil, which is delicious and does more good!

**LONDON LETTER.**

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 21.

Mr. Edward Williams, formerly Deputy Consul-General for the United States at Hongkong, and later a war correspondent for the Hearst newspapers, has started a new service to American papers. It is called the M. A. P. (Mainly about People) News Service and aims at providing regular supplies of personal paragraphs, anecdotes, character sketches, interviews and portraits of well known people of the world to American papers to make up their "magazine" pages from. It is intended to extend the service further and supply "feature" matter for Sunday papers of the kind American journals indulge in, with big headlines and wide human interest. The enterprise is reported to be "catching on" very well.

It was reported this week that Lord Knollys, the King's factotum, had resigned, but he refuses to confirm it. Indeed it may well be that he will find difficulty in escaping from a post in which he has made himself well indispensable. He has been as the right hand of King Edward for thirty-eight years, and has proved an ideal private secretary; for he has tact, diplomacy, knowledge of the world and a splendid memory. For the whole of his seventy-one years he has been more or less in the Court atmosphere, but that has not spoiled his business aptitude and he can deal with five hundred letters a day, all the King's engagements and subscriptions, and the hundred and one other details of his office with the despatch and business of a City merchant.

We are to have a taste of the missionary spirit ourselves this week, for the first Buddhist monks, the Bhikkhu Amala Mettaya, in the full order of the Vinaya, arriving from Rangoon with a number of Buddhist followers. It is due to the Buddhist Society of Great Britain that he is to come, for the members of that body, numbering about a hundred, have sent a special invitation to him. The Society is formed of a number of Europeans who have studied Buddhism in the East and others who have been attracted to the subject from study here in England.—Professor Rhys Davids, the eminent Pali scholar, is the President. It is intended to hold London the headquarters of the International Buddhist Society, instead of Rangoon, and to spread the teachings over the Continent and the United States. In the London branch are many well known men who profess to have found the old faith more satisfying than the more modern creeds.

**THE U. S. BATTLESHIP  
SQUADRON.****The Arrival at San Francisco.**

(REUTERS' SERVICE.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—The Pacific Squadron, under Admiral Evans, got under way from Monterey Bay at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and anchored in the evening nine miles off San Francisco. This anchorage was left at 11 on Wednesday morning when, led by the flagship "Connecticut," followed by the battleships, cruisers, destroyers, torpedo-boats, and transports, 43 vessels in all, the fleet steamed toward the city.

As soon as the squadron came in sight, the fort at Golden Gate fired a salute, which was responded to by the flagship. The squadron then formed in a single line and slowly steamed into the bay. Eight miles from the Pacific Squadron, lying off Los Angeles joined the squadron, the line of which extended over six miles. The vessels cast anchor in three lines between San Francisco and Oakland at about 3 o'clock p.m., all the ships being fully manned.

The Mayor of San Francisco and the reception committee immediately proceeded to the flagship to greet Admiral Evans, who thereupon came ashore, and put up at the St. Francis Hotel, which will be the headquarters of the Admiral during the stay of the squadron in San Francisco. The vessels of the squadron were to be illuminated in the evening, and a ball is to be held in its honour at the Fairmont Hotel, a large number of invitations being issued.

It is estimated that three hundred thousand people have thronged into the city from other places to see the squadron, and the crowd of spectators assembled on the shore is said to have been at least 700,000. The city is highly decorated in festival attire, and all is bustle and excitement.

It was feared that Japanese might be annoyed during the excitement over the arrival of the squadron, and it was even reported that the Labour party had determined on a demonstration. Great precautions were taken by the authorities for the prevention of disturbance, but so far everything has passed peacefully.

The Japanese have subscribed to the fund for the reception of the squadron, and decorated their houses even more lavishly than many of the Americans themselves in honour of the squadron. This action on the part of the Japanese has created a good impression.

**RUSSIAN PRISON TERRORS.****Offenders Chained Day and Night.**

Seventy-five political offenders imprisoned in the fortress at Schlusselburg, near St. Petersburg, have smuggled out an appeal to the Imperial Press to obtain an annulment of their conviction.

They declare that they are fed on bread and water, that their hands and feet are chained day and night, and that they are flogged with the knout for small infractions of discipline.

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**SCOTTISH LETTER.**

(From Our Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, April 17.

The suffragists are the big line in the bill of this election. Never have they had so good a hearing, never have their addresses been followed by such orderly discussion. So far their campaign is a success: what effect their labour may have in the polling booths is quite another matter. They are trying to persuade the electors not to vote for Captain Murray unless he promises to fight for their cause on the floor of the House of Commons after the manner of Mr. Pimmsell and the co-fighters, and presumably be ready to go to the dock-tower. The regular Liberals—the "Auld Lichts"—as some wag has called them, and the name sticks—are openly angry with their fair opponents, and sometimes say hard things; but the ladies are not to be refused; they keep on their course resolutely; and do cry aloud and lift up their voices in the streets.

One of the stampest of the "Auld Lichts" is the bellman of a Kilmarnockshire village. In the way of business, he does not object to announce meetings for the suffragists; but he reserves the right of private opinion. To the announcement that "A meeting will be addressed by Miss Brown and Miss Smith at such-and-such a place at such-and-such an hour," he invariably adds in an under tone, "Two besoms!"

Edinburgh's attention is wholly engrossed by the coming Scottish National Exhibition and the arrangements for the Great Historical Pageant. The Pageant promises to be the biggest thing of the kind ever seen in this country, and will take place in the Exhibition grounds in June. It has taken complete possession of the imagination and energies of the artistic, literary, and dilettante colonies of the old capital. Men may be found daily communing in studios and clubs regarding the likely costume of Cuchulainn, or the chronological position of St. Columba. And the ladies who paint, and sculpt, and design have apparently abandoned these pursuits in the meantime, and with the draughtsmen and costume specialists of the Scottish Arts Club, are wholly wrapped in the contemplation of colour arrangements for fancy clothes. It is to be a marvellous affair by all accounts, illustrating the progress of the nation from the earliest times. There will be a thousand performances, divided into periods; all the great men and women of Scottish history will be represented; and many of the characters will be impersonated by very well-known people. Society has taken the thing up, and Society will, of course, make the display a success.

Musselburgh is proud of its antiquity, as the old rhyme has it:—  
"Musselburgh was a burgh when Edinburgh was none,  
Musselburgh will be a burgh when Edinburgh's gone."

When the promoters of the Pageant approached its Town Council and asked them to send their banner with a youth and maiden to carry the same, "Attired in robes of the period at which the burgh was formed," the letter was read by the Town Clerk. The learned official finished by shaking his head and the remark, "If the youth and maiden are to represent Musselburgh in the dress of the time when the burgh was formed, they will have nothing on at all!" And the Town Council straightway turned the whole matter over to the Magistrates.

Mr. Runciman, the new President of the Board of Education, is a native of Dunbar. Mr. Macdonald-Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, is a member for St. Rollox, Glasgow, and although a thorough Londoner, is of Scottish parentage.

Monzie Castle, Strathern, has been totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Henry, a member of the so-called "Glasgow School," has been made an A.R.A.; his most notable departure was when he became an enthusiastic admirer of the art of Japan and made a long stay in that country.

The death is announced of Lieutenant-General Gustavus Francis Munro, eldest son of R. M. L. I., last surviving son of the late Sir Charles Munro, ninth baronet of Poulis, Ross-shire.—Commander Alexander Marshall, R. N. R., of Langlands, Glasgow, formerly commanding the most famous Chinese tea-shippers and afterwards of the Nile boats built for the Gordon Relief Expedition, has left a large sum of money to charities, mostly connected with the sea.

The Young People's Literary Society of Kilmarnock, have without a flourish set on foot a movement to celebrate the memory of David Gray and James Macmillan, the two poets of the Luggie. The memorial will take the shape of medallions in Parian marble, to be hung in the vestibule of the new Town Hall.

Mr. James Annand, the Scottish journalist who made his way from the smiddy to the senate, forms the subject this week of two goodly volumes by different authors. The one by Mr. Geo. B. Hodgson may be considered the official biography; that by Mr. J. L. McCulloch is more of the character of a tribute. In both we have the same picture of Mr. Annand as a determined and even dogged. His great was that difficulties and obstacles were created that they might be overcome, and that the slaying of lions in the path was part of every one's life work. The story is one of hard and continuous journalistic labour, ending with a sudden death in London, seventeen days after his election for East Aberdeenshire; he was buried on the day and at the very hour when he should have taken his seat in Parliament.

Preparations are afoot in Messrs. Beardmore's new factory, Parkhead, Glasgow, for the construction of the first twelve-inch naval gun made in Scotland. The weapon is to be built in execution of a preliminary order received from the British Admiralty.

There has been an attempt to "hold up" a bank in the West of Scotland which

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The briskness in the rice business of the Colony last year has been followed by a dull market, which has been prevailing throughout the whole season. According to the remarks of a rice authority of high standing, last year was an exceptionally good year in the rice business and none of the past fifteen years can be compared with it. But since the advent of the spring of this year the market has become stagnant and none of the firms dealing in the commodity can manage a profitable turnover. During the past week, however, a slight reaction took place and a general rise of twenty cents in the quotations for Tonkin rice took place while Saigon rice has been put up from ten to fifteen cents per picul according to its quality. Still no large shipments are expected in Hongkong yet, some two to three million piculs having been contracted to go to Europe and the Southern Islands from the rice producing countries direct.

**THE ETC.**

A young swell arrived at a station not far from Newcastle recently, and with the assistance of the guard he took from the van a camera, a bag of golf sticks, a portmanteau, and last but not least, a savage-looking bulldog. Hailing a porter he said: "Porter, put my golf bag, camera, and etcetera into the waiting-room for about half an hour, please; I have a call to make." "All right, my gentleman," said the porter, "but the camera and the golf sticks are the bag in, but," pointing to the bulldog, the porter exclaimed: "tho' I'll be put betwixt in yorself!"

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The Pauper of Park Lane, by Wm. Le

Quince.

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son.

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Chatterton.

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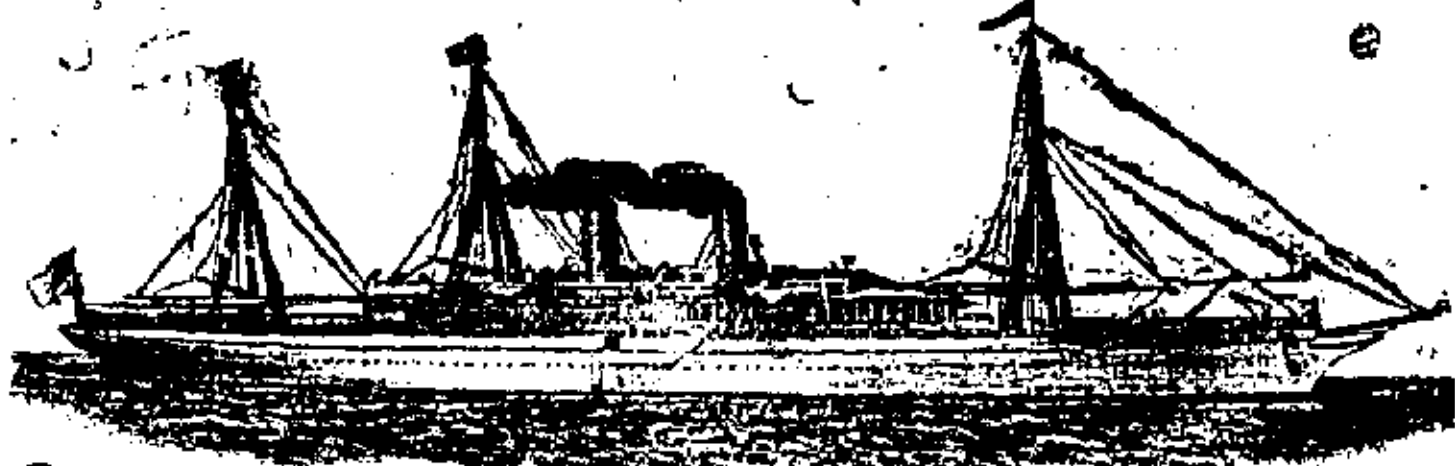
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MANILA, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.....	Capt. D. Lenz.	THURSDAY, 21st May, at 5 p.m.
KUDAT AND SANDARAN.....	Capt. F. Sembill.	TUESDAY, 26th May, at 9 a.m.

Per further Particulars, apply to Norddeutscher Lloyd, MELOHRS & CO., General Agents, Hongkong & China.

## GREAT NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

Operating the New Twin Screw Steamship MINNESOTA - 28,000 TONS

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'MINNESOTA' Captain C. F. Acker. SATURDAY, 11th July, at Noon.

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LUXURIOUS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS—Salon and Staterooms (all outside rooms), Music room, Library, Smoking room, Nursery, Laundry, Telephone, etc.  
Trans-Pacific Cabin passengers may travel by rail if desired between ports of Yokohama, Kôbe and Nagasaki, without extra charge.  
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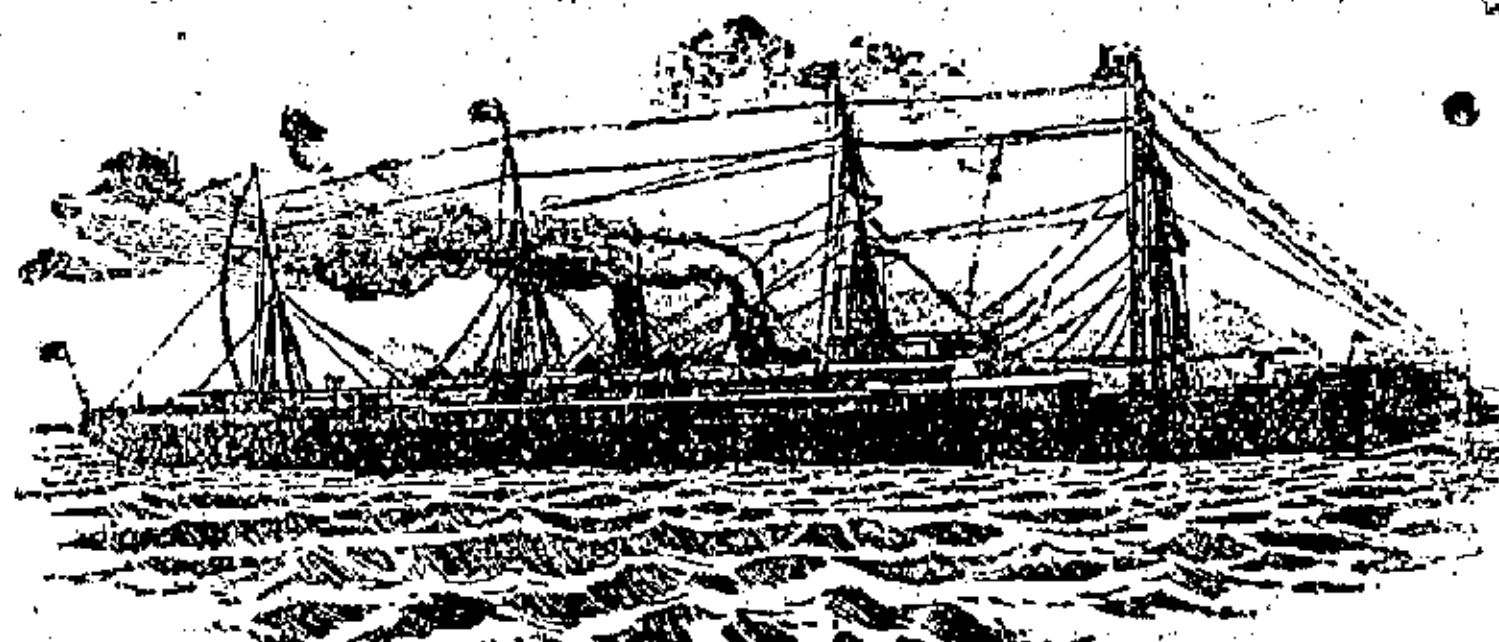
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Only line taking the warm Southern Route across the Pacific, via Honolulu, on Oahu, the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).	SAILING DATES, 1908.
MONSIEUR.....	27,000 Tons..... SATURDAY, 23rd May, at Noon.
TENYO MARU.....	14,000 Gross..... TUESDAY, 2nd June, at Noon.
KOREA.....	18,000 Tons..... TUESDAY, 18th June, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU.....	11,000 "..... FRIDAY, 28th June, at Noon.
SIBERIA.....	10,200 "..... SATURDAY, 11th July, at Noon.
CHINA.....	10,200 "..... SATURDAY, 11th July, at Noon.
MANCHURIA.....	27,000 "..... SATURDAY, 18th July, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU.....	11,000 "..... FRIDAY, 24th July, at Noon.
ASIA.....	8,900 "..... SATURDAY, 1st Aug., at Noon.

RECORD FAST TRIPS.  
Yokohama to San Francisco..... S.S. KOREA, 18,000 tons. September 16-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.  
San Francisco to Honolulu..... S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons. August 16th-20th, 1905; 4 days, 19 hours.  
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Yokohama to San Francisco..... S.S. SIBERIA, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1905; 10 days, 10 hours and 29 minutes.

THE P. M. Steamship MONGOLIA will be despatched from Hongkong to SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND SEA, KOBÉ, with privilege of calling at YOKAICHI and SHIMIZU, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 23rd May, 1908, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.  
SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Government.  
Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's connecting Steamers.  
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## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
WEIHAWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.....	HUCHOW	May 23, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, HONKOW & HAIPHONG.....	TAMING	May 26, at 4 p.m.
ORBU & ILOILO.....	SINGAN	May 27, Daylight
MANILA, CEBU, CANTON, COOKTOWN, OAKRIS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, with transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH.....	KAIPOGO	May 27, at 4 p.m.
MANILA STEAMERS TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon.	TAIWAN	May 28, at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australia, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports. SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and also cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES; Single and Return, to Manila and Australian Ports.	TEAN	June 2, at 4 p.m.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon and outside—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardesses carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

## CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captains.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI.....	2540	R. W. Almond..	Manila	Saturday, May 23, at Noon.
KAFIRO.....	2540	R. Rodge.....	Manila	May 30, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

## HONGKONG-NEW YORK.

## AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.  
(With Liberty to Call at the MALABAR COAST.)

LOWTHER OAKLEY..... About 26th May.  
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## Shipping.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI.....	WOSANG.....	FRIDAY, May 22, at Noon.
MANILA.....	LOONGSANG.....	FRIDAY, May 22, at 4 p.m.
TIENTSIN.....	CHONGSANG.....	SATURDAY, May 23, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & MOJI.....	HANKSANG.....	WEDNESDAY, May 27, at Noon.
MANILA.....	FOOKSANG.....	WEDNESDAY, May 27, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, KUALA LUMPUR.....	YUENSANG.....	FRIDAY, May 29, at 4 p.m.
AND CALCUTTA.....	KUENSANG.....	SATURDAY, May 30, at 3 p.m.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN. Occupying 24 days.  
The steamers Kiang, Jiang and Kiang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.  
These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is also carried.  
Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.  
Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin and Newchwang.  
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## OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
DAIHU MARU.....	TAMUI, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	SUNDAY, 24th May, at 10 a.m.
FUKUSHU MARU.....	ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, at Daylight.

These New Steamers have excellent Accommodation of First and Second-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Ample, Unobstructed Table.  
Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at EXHIBIT FLOOR, No. 1, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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THE Steamship ARRATON APOAR.  
Captain A. STEWART, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m.  
This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified Doctor.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SA'SOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1908. 757

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FUOCHOW.  
THE Company's Steamship HATUING.  
Captain A. E. HOBSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 22nd May, at 11 a.m.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1908. 757

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## PAQUEBOTS-POSTE-FRANCAIS.

## FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship TONKIN.  
Captain CHABONNIER, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 25th inst.  
P. NALIN, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, May 18, 1908. 754

## AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION COMPANY.

## STEAM FOR

## TRIESTE Direct, calling at

## SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

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(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, YEMEN and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Co.'s Steamship CHINA.

Captain PERNA, will be despatched as above on or about MONDAY, the 26th of May.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage & Freight, apply to SANDER, WHEELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 28, 1908. 855

## REGULAR

## STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

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With Liberty to Call at MILLAR COAST.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON & NEW YORK.

STEAMSHIP..... To SAIL, 1908.

CHAZER..... 6th June.

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## 'GREEN' LINE OF STEAMERS.

## FOR LONDON &amp; ANTWERP.

## via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship GLENEARN.

Captain W. HAVESON, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 10th June, 1908.

For Freight, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1908. 755

## PEAK-TRAWERS COMPANY, LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE.

## WEEK DAYS.

1.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR  
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO EGYPT AND NEW YORK

STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at		
in	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES	PLYMOUTH		
Colombo		MARSEILLES & LONDON	(Brindisi)	(London)		
			2 days earlier	1 day later		
	TONS		TONS			
	NOON SAT'DAY		SATURDAY	SATURDAY		
	1898		1898	1898		
DELTA.....	8000	MAY 30	VICTORIA.....	6500	JUNE 28	JULY 6
DELHI.....	8000	JUNE 13	BRITANNIA.....	6500	JULY 12	JULY 19
ARCADIA.....	7000	JUNE 27	MOULTAN.....	10000	JULY 26	AUG. 2
MALTA.....	8000	JULY 11	CHINA.....	8000	AUG. 9	AUG. 16
DEVANHA.....	8000	JULY 25	MOLDAVIA.....	10000	AUG. 23	AUG. 30
MARMOIRA.....	10500	AUG. 8	HIMALAYA.....	7000	SEPT. 6	SEPT. 13
DELTA.....	8000	AUG. 22	MONGOLIA.....	10000	SEPT. 20	SEPT. 27
DELHI.....	8000	SEPT. 5	INDIA.....	8000	OCT. 4	OCT. 11
MALTA.....	8000	SEPT. 19	VICTORIA.....	6500	OCT. 18	OCT. 25
DEVANHA.....	8000	OCT. 3	BRITANNIA.....	7000	OCT. 31	NOV. 7
OCEANA.....	7000	OCT. 17			NOV. 14	NOV. 21

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.  
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following:-

INTERMEDIATE (Non-Transit) STEAMERS  
WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON,

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave	Due at
Hongkong	about	LONDON
BUMATRA	3700	July 3
CEYLON	4700	July 17
NAMUR	7000	July 31
SARDINIA	6500	Aug. 14
NUBIA	6000	Aug. 28
SYRIA	7000	Sept. 11
WYANZA	7000	Sept. 25
NORSE	7000	Oct. 9
SUMATRA	5000	Oct. 23

These steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malacca or Mauritius.  
\* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers. + Carry only 1st Saloon Passengers.

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FRENCH MAIL LINES.FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE,  
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Via SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TOKIN	CHARBONNEL	May 25, afternoon.
MARSEILLES, Via PORTS YARRA.	SELLER		May 26, at 1 p.m.

TRANSHIPPING on the Co.'s Steamers at SINGAPORE for BATAVIA, at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AUSTRALIA, at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.  
Through Tickets to LONDON, via PARIS, from £27.10 up to £71.10. 20 hours railway from MARSEILLES to LONDON. Interceptors meet passengers on their arrival in Marseilles.

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## NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

STEAMERS	Tons	Captains	To Sail
SHAWMUT	9608	E. V. Roberts	6th June, 1908
TREMONT	9608	W. T. Garlick	1st July
BUVERIO	6252	W. Shotton	23rd July
KUMERIC	6252	Cowley	19th August

\* Steerage Passengers only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND  
DINING, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.

\* The twin-screw s.s. Shawmut and Tremont are fitted with very superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

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## Notices to Consignees.

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "RAJAMAR"

FROM CALCUTTA, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 25th June, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODDWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, May 18, 1908. 748

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ,

ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO,

PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship Trieste, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Underwriter before Noon, on the 22nd May, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd May, 1908, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 15, 1908. 743

THE "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBORO, LONDON &amp; STRAITS.

THE Steamship "CHALGANSIRE,"

Captain Tress, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 18, 1908. 758

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Lightning having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense. Cargo remaining on board after 2 p.m., of the 22nd inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining on board after 2 p.m., of the 22nd inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1908. 772

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship PRINZ HEINRICH,

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Godown and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Tuesday, the 19th of May, at Noon.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 26th of May, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th of May, at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1908. 767

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese).

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## KAWASAKI DOCKYARD.

A Great Floating Dock.

It is stated that the Kawasaki Dockyard Company is making arrangements to construct a floating dock with a capacity of 15,000 tons to the south of the present 5,000 tons dry dock. The authorities concerned have already been asked to sanction the undertaking, and an investigation is now being made with a view to ascertaining if the work would in any way interfere with the construction of the Harbour Works. If the application is granted the building of the dock will be commenced immediately.

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Spinkins rarely had a turkey, so when he was deputed to carve the succulent bird at his Christmas party he felt rather nervous over the operation.

After much exertion he hacked off a leg, and then inconspicuously dropped it in a saucer, and sent a shower of stuffing over her new silk dress.

Then he cautiously sawed up another limb to drop it on the tablecloth. Gingerly picking it up with his fingers, it slipped into the gravy-dish, and splashed the greasy liquid over the snow-white linen. He hastened to dry it up with his handkerchief, and then applied the soiled article to wipe the perspiration from his muddy brow.

"Is there such a thing as luck?" inquired a guest.

For reply the good-natured host sent the turkey shivering off the dish on to the table, when it improvised a cakewalk, and eventually concluded its gyrations on the carpet.

Quick as lightning Spinkins's youngest hopeful dived down under the table—trailing a cloud of dust and a plume of feathers—just as the turkey was about to all right now, dad; I've got my foot on it!"

## To-day's Advertisements

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Hongkong, May 21, 1908. 776

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

NOTICE.

OWING to Monday, the 25th May,

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Residence of the late Mr. A. H. Baxendale

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## FINEST YORK

## CUT HAMS

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Hongkong, February 27, 1908. 321

## Hongkong Tides.

The tide table given below has been

compiled at the Nautical Almanac Office

in London from the results of the analysis

of observations taken by means of an auto-

matic tide-recording machine in the Water

Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during

the years 1887-89.

The zero of the table corresponds with

the zero of the soundings in the Admiralty

Charts which have been found to be 4 feet

3 inches below mean low water.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide

gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3

feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont

Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to

the height given in the table.

May 22nd to 26th, 1908.

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## All who desire more light at less cost should therefore call and see the

## Welsbach Light. Sole Agents in China of the Welsbach Incandescent Gas

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## SHIPPING

## ARRIVALS.

May 21.

Louther Castle, British str., 2,717, Wm.

Lightoller, R.N.A., Kobe via Moji May

16, General—Surrey, Tons & Co.

Onseng, British steamer, 1,256, V.

McL. Liddell, Tientsin via Chefoo May 15.

General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Wakasa Maru, Japanese str., 3,834, N.

Nielsen, London April 12, and Singapore

May 15, General.

Tenyo Maru, Japanese steamer, 3,447.

Philip H. Goings, Yokohama May 16, Gen-

eral—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

Onseng, British str., 1,460, Vogelers,

Amsterdam May 16, General—Hauvusa-

AMERIKA LINE.

Ky-to Maru, Japanese str., 1,639, N.

Wakasa, Moji May 15, Coal—M. B. K.

Simongun, Dutch str., 1,202, H. Vos,

Swatung via Pulo Laut May 11, Sugar—

Yuen Fax Boats.

## DEPARTURES.

May 21.

Clan Macmillan, for Moji and San Fran-

cisco.

Gardianshire, for Shanghai.

Achilles, for Singapore and London.

Albatross, for Singapore and Liverpool.

Tientsin, for Hongkong.

Onseng, for Swatung.

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## China Coast Meteorological.

## Register.

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